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## TRANSMITTAL OF RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application is a Response.

This is also a Request under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the three-month response date by three (3) months.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge the appropriate fee, which is believed to be \$1,110.00 (for the three-month extension), to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**, and is also authorized, as appropriate and/or necessary, to charge any additional fees (including any Rule 136(a) extension fees, extra claim fees, etc.) and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **11-0600**.

Respectfully submitted,

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